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RWANDA:
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Q. Please provide an update on the fighting and UN peace efforts in Rwanda.

A. -- UN SOURCES REPORT THAT RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE THEIR HEAVY FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF KIGALI. THE SLOW RETREAT OF GOVERNMENT FORCES OUT OF KIGALI TOWARD GITARAMA ALSO CONTINUES.

-- UNAMIR SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED THE MOVEMENT TODAY UNDER UNAMIR ESCORT OF 240 RWANDAN CIVILIANS OUT OF THE MILLES COLLINE HOTEL AND THE AMAHORO STADIUM IN KIGALI. SOME OF THE 240 CHOSE TO GO TO GOVERNMENT-HELD AREAS AND OTHERS TO RPF AREAS. UNAMIR HOPES THIS SUCCESSFUL TRIAL EFFORT WILL LEAD TO AGREEMENTS FOR FURTHER RELEASES.

-- THE UN DEPUTY HEAD FOR PEACEKEEPING, MR. IQBAL RIZA, DEPARTED RWANDA YESTERDAY AFTER HAVING MET WITH RPF LEADERS IN MULINDI. AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETINGS, RPF AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN TALKING AGAIN ON MONDAY ABOUT A POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE.

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